

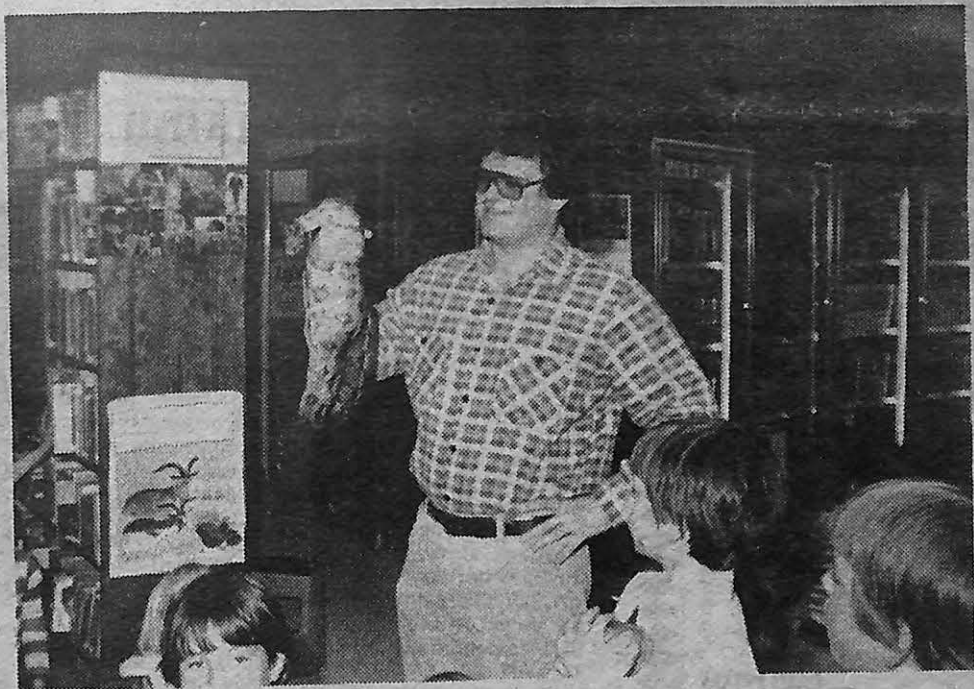
Agawam Libraries - a Place to....

## Listen to Stories



These pre-schoolers are shown enjoying a story hour at the Agawam Library. photo by Jack Devine

## Learn About Snakes



Steve Roche, from Springfield, shows off snakes from Springfield College at the Agawam library recently.

## No Shots? No School!

Immunizations in the Agawam Public Schools are really falling into line; however, there are still some who have disregarded the numerous notices concerning these required immunizations for school attendance.

For those who did not take advantage of the clinics held at each school, the Health Department nurses will

provide immunizations in the Town Hall office on Wednesday, November 8th from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This is the last opportunity to meet the requirement.

By Friday, the list of names of those not immunized will be forwarded to the Superintendent of Schools, and exclusion from school will result.

## Firemen Ask Cooperation in Curbing Grass Fires

The Halloween weekend is traditionally a busy time for the fire department, and this year was no exception. Agawam had fires ranging from a burning shed to numerous brush fires. Under the supervision of Fire Lieutenants William Parent and Douglas Kerr, the Agawam Fire Department handled 36 alarms over the weekend beginning Friday, Oct. 27, at 6 p.m. and ending Sunday, Oct. 29, at midnight.

Since this is the time of year for grass and leaf fires, the Agawam Firefighters Local 1973 appreciate the cooperation of town residents in curbing this type of fire. Since outside burning has been disallowed, the potential for larger fires does exist due to the amount of leaves and brush on the ground. With continuous cooperation, these needless fires will be controlled.

## Application Deadline Near For Service Academies

U.S. Rep. Silvio Conte, R-Mass., has issued a reminder to young men and women in the First Congressional District who are interested in applying through his office for appointment to the U.S. Service Academies that the

deadline for applications is November 17, 1978. Young men and women interested in applying for the class entering in 1979 at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, the

U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, or the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y. should contact Congressman Conte's offices in Holyoke, Pittsfield, or Washington, D.C. without delay.

## Agawam Receives Water System Grant

John P. Stone, Superintendent of Public Works, has announced that the Town of Agawam received word on October 31 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that its Small Cities Grant application for water system improvements in North Agawam area has been approved. The grant is in the amount of \$491,500 and will provide for the installation of 9,300 feet of 12-inch diameter water main and 4,100 feet of 8-inch diameter main. These mains will correct deficiencies in the water system and improve public health and safety.

The Dept. of Public Works prepared a pre-application for the water main improvements which was submitted to HUD in May of this year. The pre-application received a high rating from HUD, and in

August, Agawam was invited to submit a full application, which the DPW prepared and submitted in September. Several public hearings were held on the application as required, but citizen attendance and input was low.

The need for this water improvement project was made clear in the Water Distribution Study undertaken by the town in 1975. North Agawam's residential area of closely-situated, multi-story, multi-family, wood frame houses and the abutting commercial and industrial area required a much greater water supply for fire fighting than was available. The new mains will allow this need to be met and will provide the water flow for fire fighting required by the Insurance Underwriters. This fire protection improvement should go a long way toward

offsetting any loss in protection or insurance rating caused by the closing of the North Agawam fire station.

The project involves the connection of the existing 16-inch water main at Suffield and Cooper Streets with the 12-inch water main at O'Brien's Corner via the installation of new mains in Suffield Street, Walnut Street Extension, and Springfield Street. Also, new and larger water mains will be brought into the heart of North Agawam following Maple and Bridge Streets. Other streets to receive larger water mains are Washington Avenue Extension, Ramah Circle South, and Ramah Circle North.

The project should be under construction by the summer of 1979 and must be completed by October, 1980.

## SPAN Circulating Petition

The SPAN Center is concerned about the level of funding it will receive from the Town of Agawam next year. They are circulating a petition which they will present to the Town Council and Town Manager later this month. The petition states, "We, the undersigned, feel the mental health services of the SPAN Center are a vital and essential service for the Town of Agawam. We support such services and endorse the use of tax dollars for the support of the Center."

Town residents are asked to drop by the Center at 70 Springfield Street where petitions are available for signing.

## Roberts Proposes Compromise

Town Councilor Dennis Roberts proposed a compromise that will allow the Agawam Center Library to remain open. For the past four months, the possible closing of the Center Library has been an issue for heated debate among the town administration, various officials, and area residents.

Located on Main Street, the library is easily accessible to the Senior Citizen complex and to the children attending Phelps School. Teachers, students, senior citizens, and area residents have joined forces demonstrating their need for a branch library in their section of Agawam.

Councilor Roberts proposed a compromise that, if accepted, will allow the

library to continue operation at a minimum cost to the taxpayer. In his proposal, the town will provide building, books, and a librarian to be chosen from the present library staff. The Center Library Association will be responsible for the essential operating costs, such as heat, electricity, and building and grounds maintenance. A part-time volunteer staff will also have to be organized. The library would be open on a part-time basis, the hours geared to senior citizens and school children.

Town Manager Peter Caputo stated that Councilor Roberts' proposal has merit and definitely deserves consideration.

## Chmielewski Says North Agawam Not Being Terrorized

In response to an article which recently appeared in the Springfield Daily News, and which referred to the "terrorizing" of North Agawam residents by the youth of that area, Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski said recently that "it is a slap in the face to those kids to have that kind of thing said about them."

Chmielewski commented that, "no one knows those

kids better than I do, and I can tell you they are no worse than any other kids in town." He said the recent article, in which Ms. Elena Bonavita, a resident of North Agawam claimed that the teenagers in the area were slashing tires, smashing windows and painting cars was "just not true." Chmielewski said the majority of the youth in the North Agawam area were well behaved, and that it was not fair to judge them all by the actions of a "very few".

Chmielewski went on to defend the police department against Ms. Bonavita's charges in the article that 'the police don't want to help - they don't even want to know about it.' He stated that his department was responsible for the safety of all the people in town, and that whenever called, his men have responded, and have done the

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# Home Box Office Listings

## Wednesday November 8

6:00 TAKE A HARD RIDE (PG-1:43)  
8:00 Feature Showing: UP CLOSE  
9:30 TAKE A HARD RIDE (PG-1:43)  
11:30 FIRST LOVE (R-1:32)

## Thursday November 9

6:00 McQ (PG-1:56)  
8:00 Football: INSIDE THE NFL  
9:00 THE BETSY (R-2:05)  
11:30 ROLLING THUNDER (R-1:39)

## Friday November 10

5:00 TELEFON (PG-1:43)  
7:00 Football: INSIDE THE NFL  
8:00 Feature Showing: CROSSED SWORDS (PG-1:53)  
10:00 On Location: CATSKILL COMEDIANS  
11:30 THE OTHER SIDE OF MIDNIGHT (R-2:43)

## Saturday November 11

2:30 \$1,000,000 DUCK (G-1:32)  
4:00 A BRIDGE TOO FAR (PG-2:56)  
7:00 Football: INSIDE THE NFL  
8:00 Special: ELTON JOHN AT WEMBLEY  
9:00 Feature Showing: THE TRAIN ROBBERS (PG-1:32)  
10:30 THE CASSANDRA CROSSING (R-2:05)  
12:35 A BRIDGE TOO FAR (PG-2:56)

## Sunday November 12

2:30 OLD YELLER (G-1:23)  
4:00 SPECIAL DELIVERY (PG-1:39)  
6:00 THE SEA GYPSIES (G-1:43)  
8:00 Feature Showing: THE SPY WHO LOVED ME (PG-2:05)  
10:30 On Location: ROBIN WILLIAMS (OFF THE WALL)  
12:00 THE BETSY (R-2:05)

## Monday November 13

6:30 Standing Room Only: VICTOR BORGE: COMEDY WITH MUSIC  
8:00 CROSSED SWORDS (PG-1:53)  
10:00 ROLLING THUNDER (R-1:39)  
12:00 FIRST LOVE (R-1:32)

## Tuesday November 14

6:00 TAKE A HARD RIDE (PG-1:43)  
8:00 COLLEGE BASKETBALL: USSR vs. MICHIGAN STATE (LIVE)  
10:00 SHOUT AT THE DEVIL (PG-2:08)  
12:30 TELEFON (PG-1:43)

## Singles Unlimited

### Hold Dance

Singles Unlimited will hold a dance on November 10th from 9 to 1 at the Willow Glen in East Longmeadow. There will be band varieties.

On Sunday, November 12, Singles Unlimited will hold a record hop at the Blue Moon in East Longmeadow from 9 to 12.

## Agawam Senior Center Wright Street

11/7:Diabetes Clinic Lunch: orange juice, bread, cheese, vegetable soup, salad, ice cream, sanku.  
11/8:Hungarian dinner: paprika chicken, noodles, green beans in cream sauce, surprise cake. MOVIE.  
11/9:Pepper steak, shredded potatoes, beet salad, pineapple jello.

11/13:Ham, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, applesauce  
11/14:Lamb patties, cabbage, scalloped potatoes, lemon cobbler  
11/15:Sheppards Pie, lettuce, vanilla pudding w/sour cherries  
11/16:Beef Chow Mein, rice, cheese cake  
11/17:Poached fish, potato puffs, bean salad, orange

November 19, Sunday, from 2-4 p.m. we will have our second annual "Turkey Trot" with the well known Goldenaires from Holyoke. Don't miss an afternoon full of fun - for only 50c entrance, refreshments included.

On November 14th our annual Flu Clinic will start at 8:30 a.m. We will open the Center at 8 a.m. (Please don't come any earlier!!!) If you have not yet registered, now is the time to do so.

The Nurses Foot Clinic will be November 16th, Thursday. Price still only \$4.25.

Dr. Hayne's (Podiatrist) clinic will be Tuesday, November 28. Please make your reservations for either clinic in time.

There will be No Hypertension Clinic November 7, but instead we will have the Diabetes Clinic. We will serve the prescribed luncheon here at the center to all non-diabetics.

Clinic Dates:  
Nov. 7: Diabetes  
Nov. 14: Flu Shots  
Nov. 21: Hypertension Clinic  
Nov. 28: Podiatrist Clinic

## Cribbage Tournament At Dante Club

The second annual Dante Club Cribbage Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 12 beginning at 9 a.m. The event will be held at the Dante Club at the corner of Memorial Ave. and Baldwin St., West Springfield.

The Dante Club, as sponsor, is anticipating a full field of entrants with a cut-off of 128 players.

There will be cash prizes and awards along with coffee and donuts. First prize will be

\$200, second will be \$150, with third and fourth receiving \$100 and \$50 respectively.

The tournament will consist of two out of three games per match on a double elimination basis. The two finalists will play three out of five games for the championship. This event will be run under tournament rules and qualified judges and scorers will preside. All entrants are requested to be present at 8:30 a.m. for a brief orientation.

# School Lunch Menus

## Agawam School Lunch Menu

Tuesday-November 7-Barbeque beef on roll, buttered niblet corn, oven french fries, ketchup, molasses cookies, milk.  
Wednesday-November 8-Chilled fruit juice, steamed frankfort in roll, buttered seven minute cabbage, mustard & relish, dessert, milk.

Thursday-November 9-Oven roasted chicken, whipped potatoes, buttered sweet peas, whole wheat bread and butter, chocolate pudding w/topping, milk.

Friday-November 10-Meatball grinders w/tomato sauce topping, buttered niblet corn, sweet potato spice cake w/vanilla icing, milk.

Monday-November 13 Cup of tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, buttered green beans, chilled apple sauce, milk.

Tuesday-November 14 Potted beef in gravy on mashed potato, buttered sweet peas, dinner roll w/butter, spice cake w/ vanilla icing, milk.

Wednesday-November 15 Fruit juice, ziti w/meat sauce, creamy cole slaw, Italian bread with butter, cherry jello w/topping, milk.

Thursday-November 16 White meat turkey in gravy on mashed potatoes, buttered sweet peas and carrots, cranberry sauce garnish, whole wheat bread and butter, chocolate cake w/vanilla icing, milk.

Friday-November 17 Baked fish bites, oven french fries, buttered niblet corn, tartar sauce, ketchup, bread and butter.

## Southwick School Lunch Menu

Tuesday-November 7-American chop suey, buttered green beans, bread and butter, jello w/fruit and topping, and milk.  
Wednesday-November 8-Chicken ala king on english muffin, chopped lettuce salad w/dressing, chilled peaches, milk.

Thursday-November 9-Open face cheese sandwich w/tomato and bacon, potato chips, buttered corn, fresh apple, milk.

Friday-November 10-Golden fried fish, tartar sauce, baked macaroni and cheese, buttered peas, bread and butter, chilled fruit cup and milk.

Monday-November 13-Ravioli w/meat sauce and shredded cheese, buttered whole kernel corn, french bread & butter, chilled peaches, cookies, milk.

Tuesday-November 14-Tomato rice soup w/saltines, cheese sandwich w/lettuce and tomato, chilled applesauce, milk.

Wednesday-November 15-Hamburger on roll, buttered hot vegetables, potato chips, fresh banana, milk.

Thursday-November 16-Thanksgiving Dinner With all the trimmings!

Friday-November 17-Fishburger and tartar sauce, french fries, cole slaw, chilled fruit cup, milk.

# 'Woodmania' It Could Happen To You

by Barbara Coughlin

The doctor confirmed my husband's condition. An open and shut case of Woodmania. Nothing serious he said, a sort of obsession with wood that appears usually at this time of year, particularly in people who heat by it.

This will be our second winter we are sharing our home with a ravenous wood-burning stove. It's been anything but easy. I've carried so many logs downstairs to the stove I have permanent bark indentations on both arms.

Recently my daughter was isolated in the nurse's office because of unidentified objects in her hair. Turned out to be sawdust. We've worked hard stocking our woodpile. I go to sleep every night with an orchestra of chain saws in my head.

I began to suspect my husband's condition when he began spending weekends driving through the country comparing other people's woodpiles to ours. Then wooden things began disappearing around the house. One night after stacking wood for four hours, I dropped into bed exhausted. The bed collapsed with an earth-shattering crash. A check revealed the support boards were missing.

That was only the beginning. Every pencil in the house disappeared, both heels of my clogs, and every other step of the ladder. My son noted his baseball bat gone, and my neighbor called the police when he found someone stole three rails from his fence.

Hubby planted 165 oak, ash, and maple seedlings in our 110 ft. by 150 ft. yard. He says in fifteen to twenty years we'll be the luckiest people in the neighborhood with our very own home-grown wood supply.

The last straw came when I was vacuuming under the sofa and found it was now being held up by bricks. That was when I called my doctor.

My husband has gotten a little better, though. In two weeks I've only found one shutter gone. He claims it blew off in the wind, so who am I to doubt him. The doctor said it would eventually pass in time. It can hit anyone at anytime from any walk of life.

Today I received the doctor's bill in the mail. It read: For services rendered: ONE CORD OF WOOD.

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## Agawam's Special Services Department Serves Over 500 Children

by Mary Os

In recent years, state and national policies have evidenced steps forward in providing children with special needs the comprehensive educational programs they deserve. The town of Agawam has made strides towards providing its residents these services. Currently, there are over five hundred children whose needs are being addressed.

Based in the Agawam Junior High School, the Special Services Department is headed by Director Dorothy Coon, a long time resident of Agawam and a former first grade and remedial reading teacher. She is certified by the state as a Special Education Administrator. Her staff is comprised of twenty-five persons and includes school psychologists, speech therapists, motor development specialists, home-school adjustment counselors, resource room teachers, and an itinerant teacher for the visually impaired.

As mandated by Chapter 766, a state law which has been in effect since September, 1974, and which incorporates the Federal Law 94-142, children with special needs must be given an education planned to meet their individual needs. Children as young as three and as old as twenty-one may be eligible for special help.

Often children need individual help before they reach the first-grade level. Area residents who feel that their children may need help before the age of three are advised to contact the Special Services Department for advice and possible referral to area programs. Children three and older fall within the boundaries set forth within Chapter 766 and may qualify for help from the Agawam Special Services Department.

Through Project Child Find, the Special Services Department attempts to identify all pre-schoolers who may need special services. By the age of three, most children exhibit certain standard oral, visual, motor, cognitive, and language development. A child whose performance does not meet these standards may need special attention. Identifying these children early is the goal of Project Child Find. Each May and November the Special Services Department offers screening for pre-schoolers. Parents are invited to make appointments to have their children screened. Testing dates are announced in area newspapers and through flyers distributed to local nursery schools. Any pre-schooler is eligible, and the screening is free.

There is another mass-screening effort done at the kindergarten level. This screening helps to determine school readiness or the possibility of problems. Screening may show that the child needs another year at home before entering kindergarten, or it may show more serious problems which indicate the need for an individualized educational plan.

Another way the department becomes aware of a child with possible special needs is through referral. Referrals may be made by the parent or a teacher, social worker, doctor, judicial official, or by a responsible person concerned with the child's welfare.

Whatever the child's age or level in school, once the department becomes aware of him, the procedure is standard. Within five days of a referral, the parents receive a notice advising them of the referral and by whom it was made. The notice outlines the rights of the parents during the evaluation process. Briefly, they are as follows:

1. Parents can participate in all meetings concerning their child's educational plan and may bring an advocate with them. Meetings must be held at a mutually convenient time and place and conducted in the language spoken in the home.
2. A child of fourteen years or more has the right to attend and participate in all meetings that pertain to the developing and writing of the educational plan.
3. The parents may meet with any member of the evaluating team in a pre-evaluation conference to discuss the reasons for a child's referral.
4. Parents disagreeing with the team's findings may arrange for another evaluation.
5. If a home visit and a psychological assessment are to be included, parental permission is a must.
6. The notice states the date of the scheduled evaluation and whether it is to be a full or an intermediate evaluation.

The law requires that parents give written permission before any specialist outside the school system be brought in or before any assessments by the Special Services staff are done. Parental signature is required on acceptance or rejection of the educational plan which will be developed following the evaluation.

Mrs. Coon remarked that parental attitude towards special education in Agawam is very healthy. Parents are very willing to have their children receive the special attention they might need. There are now two area parent discussion groups with a third for parents of pre-schoolers forming next spring. About thirty-five people are now involved in these groups.

Following the referral notice and the pre-evaluation conference, the child will receive either a Full Evaluation or an Intermediate Evaluation, depending on the indicated need. A full evaluation consists of the following: 1. An educational history; 2. a psychological assessment; 3. a description of classroom performance; 4. a medical examination; 5. a family history, which may include a home visit.

If the child needs evaluation in only some of the five areas, then an intermediate evaluation is done, and the team addresses itself only to those areas. One of the most common problems among pre-schoolers is a speech/language difficulty, which generally requires only an intermediate evaluation and is most often remedial. If after an intermediate evaluation, the team feels that a full evaluation is warranted, it will be administered. Children who will be spending more than 25% of their time away from the regular classroom must have the full evaluation.

Based on the evaluation, the team develops for the child an individualized educational plan which must be approved by the parents. Federal regulations require that the plan be re-evaluated every three years. Mrs. Coon reported that Agawam cases are reviewed every academic year, and modifications are made if necessary. Case records are personal, confidential, and open only to school officials and parents. Children eighteen and over may also see their files.

Anyone desiring information is advised to contact the Special Services Department at 786-0776. Mrs. Coon and members of her staff are available for lectures to local groups and welcome the opportunity to inform the public about their valuable work.

## Students Rise Early to View Planets

Over 20 Agawam High School students from astronomy and physics classes recently attended a pre-dawn observation of the planets Jupiter and Saturn as well as the moon and the Orion Nebula. The observation was coordinated by Mr. Arthur Gage, physics and astronomy teacher at Agawam High. The students used a Celestron 8-inch reflecting telescope, which the school purchased two years ago.

Evening observations of celestial objects such as the planets, stars, and the moon are normally conducted by Mr. Gage and Mr. Paul Blodgett, the other astronomy teacher, but the pre-dawn meeting was necessary this time because Saturn and Jupiter are visible only during early morning hours. The observation lasted from 5:45 to 6:45 a.m.



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# Social

## Sacred Heart Christmas Bazaar

The Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar on Friday, Nov. 10th from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, Nov. 11th from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

There will be a large variety of booths including the Country Store, the Bake Shop, Christmas Decorations, Toys, Candy, Jewelry, Curiosity Shop, and

### Refreshments.

There will be a giant raffle to be drawn on Saturday, Nov. 11th at 7 p.m. The first prize will be a truck load of cheer; second, a complete turkey dinner; and third, a half gallon of cheer.

The public is cordially invited, so please come and join the fun and do some of your Christmas shopping.

## Catholic Women's Club Communion Supper

St. John the Evangelist Church, 823 Main St., Agawam, will be the place. The time will be Monday, Nov. 20th. The event will be the Agawam Catholic Women's Club's Annual Communion Supper.

The evening will start with a mass at 6:30 celebrated by Father Mark Lidinski, C.S.S.R. of the Redemptionist Fathers. An Italian buffet catered by Ann's Catering Service will follow in the social center.

Father Lidinski, a professor of English Literature at St. Alphonsus College in Enfield, Conn., will

speak on the steps a young man must take to become a priest. He will be introduced by Mrs. Joseph Lovotti, chairperson for the month. She will be assisted by Mrs. Walter Chmura, Mrs. Phillip Cardone, Mrs. Joseph Cardone, Mrs. William DiSisto, Mrs. Theodore Beck, and Mrs. Joseph Mendes.

Members and their guests are invited. Tables will have reserved seating, and members will be contacted for reservations.

Keep in mind that our parish Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 to 4.

## S.H. Athletic Association Chicken Dinner

The Annual Chicken Dinner sponsored by the Sacred Heart Athletic Association will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at the Polish-American Club Pavilion, Southwick St., Feeding Hills. The menu will consist of 1/2 chicken, baked potato, green beans, salad, bread and butter, beverage, and ice cream. Tickets are priced at \$3.25 for adults and \$1.75 for children 12 and under and are available from coaches/managers in the S.H. A.A. or at Sacred Heart Rectory, 1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Tickets must be purchased by Nov. 8th; no

tickets will be sold at the door. Dinner will be served from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

This annual dinner was a great success last year, and we are looking forward to a repeat performance! A limited number of tickets are available, and we urge you to purchase them early to avoid being disappointed. Make plans now to bring the whole family and enjoy a great meal. At the same time you will be helping the Sacred Heart Athletic Association, whose aim is to provide young people of the area with a year-round recreational program.

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## Gridiron Moms' Toy Sale

The Agawam High School Gridiron Moms will sponsor a "Christmas Toy Sale" on Thursday, November 16th from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Agawam High School cafeteria on Cooper Street. All toys are new, brand names and at 50% off manufacturer's list price. Proceeds will go to the Gridiron Moms scholarship fund.

On Nov. 10 and 11, the Polish-American Club's Women's Auxiliary will be holding their annual "Bazaar in the Country." The hours on Friday are from 4 to 10 p.m., and on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The "Bazaar in the Country" is being chaired by Julia Kozikowski and Lillian Daubitz.

The various booths include in this event will be the Sweete Shoppe, chaired by Melba Drewowski, Deck the Halls, chaired by Julie Ann Kozikowski, Down from the

Loft, chaired by Kathy Slicchi, Kitchen Goodies, chaired by Bertha Janulewicz, Fish and Wish, chaired by Elaine Duga, Guess What? chaired by Olewinski, Calico and Gingham, chaired by Mary W. Labun, From the Oven, chaired by Helen Daubitz, Drop a Stitch, chaired by Nann Zymroz, and Take a Chance, chaired by Ann Twarog.

"Take a Chance" and come to the "Bazaar in the Country."

## Grange Meeting

The Community Grange will meet Tuesday, Nov. 7th at 7:30 p.m. in the Grange Home on North West Street. 4-H night will be observed under the direction of the Home and Community Service Committee, Mrs. Muriel Thayer, Chairperson.

The program will be presented by Mr. Bruce Ogilvie, County Extension Agent in 4-H work, who will accompany a group of boys who have participated in the Capon Program, which the Grange has sponsored for the last three years. There will be an auction of the capons which the boys have raised.

The business meeting will follow the program. George and Betty Collins are co-chairmen of the refreshment committee, assisted by Dorothy Stuart. Refreshments will be served during the social hour following the meeting.

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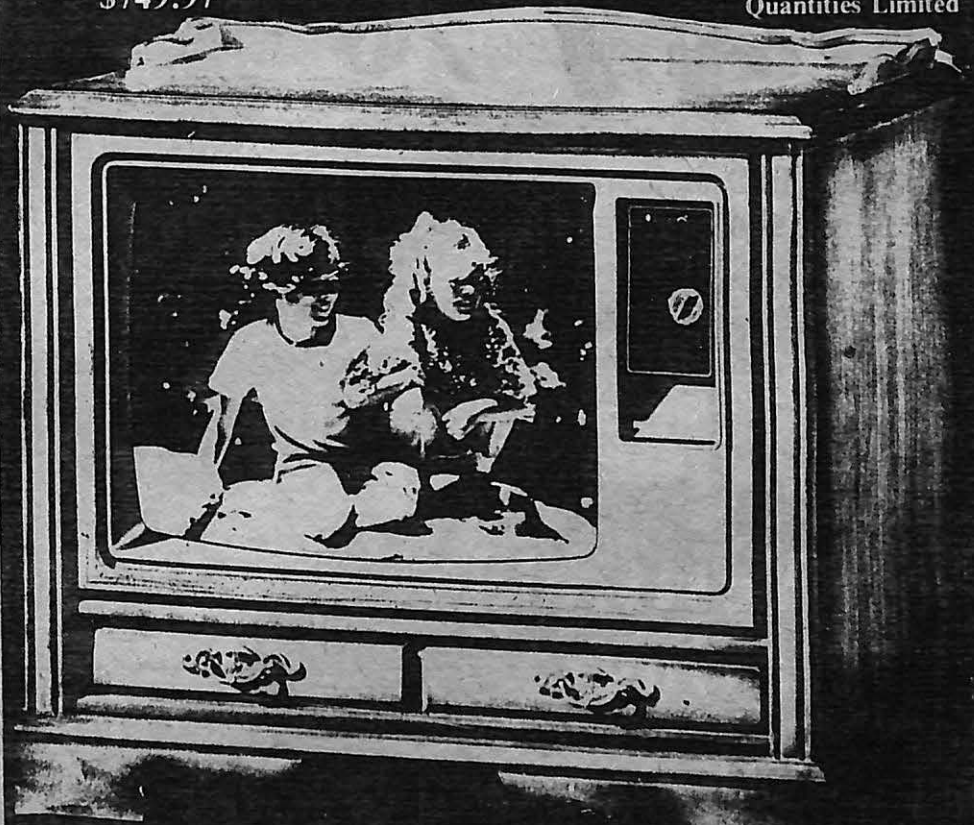
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Irene Mary Kelly Herman and her husband, Dennis, wish to announce the birth of twin daughters born on September 6, 1978 and named Jeanette Rose and Deanna Lynn. They reside in Warren,

Michigan with their family, which now includes five daughters.

Irene Mary lived in Feeding Hills where she attended junior and senior high school.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Herman of Warren, Michigan. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. John E. Kelly of 21 Francis Street, Feeding Hills.

## VFW

### Rewards

### Sisters

Charity begins at home - at least, that's what the members of VFW Post 1632 on South Street in Agawam believe.

Recently, two young sisters, Monica and Lisa Horne of 83 Mill Street, had their new bicycles stolen. These girls had saved bit by bit from money earned by their newspaper routes and babysitting in order to acquire the money needed to purchase the bikes. After only about one month, the bikes were stolen.

These sisters had often done volunteer work with the VFW Post in area nursing homes. The board members at the VFW post, led by Don Curren, chairman of the Hospital Committee, felt that Monica and Lisa were deserving of some return on all the time they had devoted to others. The board voted to appropriate the funds necessary to buy new 10-speed bikes for the girls and did so with their sincere thanks for all the volunteer work the girls had done with them.

The *Agawam Advertiser/News* would also like to commend these two girls, who make us proud to recognize them as carriers of our newspaper.

## "Jingle Valley Fair"

Come to the "Jingle Valley Fair" on Saturday, November 18th at the First Baptist Church, 769 Main Street in Agawam from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Have a hot dog or hamburger at our Snow Man snack bar.

Mrs. Gertrude Porter, chairman will be assisted by Mrs. Clyde Woodruff, Mrs. Barbara Briggs, Mrs. Archie Della Pegorara, Mrs. Keith Buchanan, Mrs. Stanley Edwards, Mrs. Norman Jenks, Mrs. Edward Lacombe, Mrs. Kendall Bailey, Mrs. Dudley Bodurtha, and Mrs. Eugene Southworth. Mrs. Clifford Catchepaugh and Mrs. Leslie Crouse are in charge of decorations, and Patricia Liberty will be in charge of the snack bar.

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## Agawam Woman Receives Letter from Late Pope

Mrs. Cecelia S. Harrington of 31 Riviera Drive, Agawam, received an unexpected letter recently.

Mrs. Harrington is planning to go to Rome in the fall of 1979 and had written to the late Pope John Paul I to congratulate him on his

assuming office and to express her hopes of attaining an audience when she visits Rome.

A letter recently arrived for her from the Secretariat of State at Vatican City. The Secretariat communicated that Mrs. Harrington's

message to His Holiness had been received before his death and that Pope John Paul I had appreciated her sentiments.

Included in this letter was a picture of Pope John Paul I on the back of which he had quoted Acts 12, 5 in Latin

and had signed his name following a closing line which can be translated "I am your humble servant."

The signature on the picture was dated Sept. 3, 1978, shortly before Pope John Paul I died.

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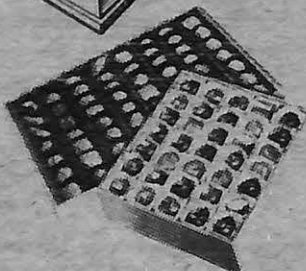
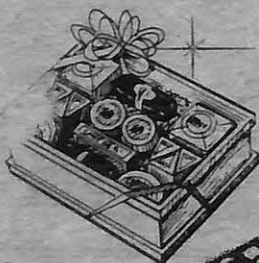
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## Jr. Women Attend Fall Conference

A nine-member delegation from the Agawam Junior Women's Club attended the Fall Conference of the Mass. State Federation of Women's Clubs (junior membership) at the Hillcrest School in Turners Falls on Oct. 21.

Ms. Gena Corea, authoress of the controversial book "The Hidden Malpractice," was the keynote speaker. She provoked applause and questioning with her address entitled "Taking Charge of our Health Care." Mrs. Nancy Rosner of the Agawam Juniors spoke to Ms. Corea about the discussion and mentioned that the Juniors' reading group, headed by Mrs. Joanne Brown, had reviewed her book with enthusiasm prior to the conference.

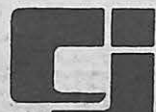
The women were also addressed by Mrs. John Pope, Jr., Director of Junior Clubs for the General Federation of Women's Clubs of the United States, who spoke on "Volunteers in America."

The afternoon session featured panel discussions, federation and special projects workshops, and a silent auction displaying the handcrafted articles from women from all over the state.

The day-long conference is the major organizational session of the Mass. State Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Members, in anticipation of their 1978-1979 activities.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

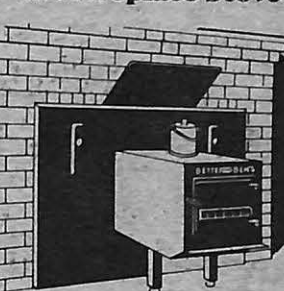
- November 7, 1978**  
Agawam-West Spfld.  
Newcomers Club Meeting  
Captain Leonard House,  
663 Main St., Agawam  
8 p.m.
- November 7, 1978**  
Grange Meeting  
North Westfield St.,  
Feeding Hills  
7:30 p.m.
- November 10, 11, 1978**  
Polish American Club  
Women's Auxiliary  
'Bazaar in the Country'  
11/10 - 4-10 p.m.  
11/11 - 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- November 10 & 11, 1978**  
Sacred Heart Church  
Christmas Bazaar  
Springfield St., Feeding  
Hills  
11/10 - 6-9 p.m.  
11/11 - 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
- November 11, 1978**  
Chicken Pie Supper  
Feeding Hills Congrega-  
tional Church  
5-7 p.m.
- November 13, 1978**  
Women's Association of  
Allied Beverage Industries  
Meeting  
Jaycox Restaurant, Spfld.  
6:30 p.m.
- November 14, 1978**  
National Association of  
Women in Construction  
Chapter 115, Meeting  
Sunshine Village, Chicopee  
Reservations-Contact  
Ms. Frances Padulla  
341 Meadow St.  
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- November 15, 1978**  
Sacred Heart Athletic  
Association Chicken  
Dinner  
Polish American Club  
Southwick St., Feeding  
Hills  
5-7:30 p.m.
- November 16, 1978**  
Agawam Gridiron Moms  
"Christmas Toy Sale"  
Agawam High School  
6-10 p.m.
- November 21, 1978**  
Jaycee-ettes Plant Party  
Captain Leonard House  
Agawam, Mass  
7:30 p.m.
- November 25, 1978**  
Cathedral High Class of  
'64 Reunion  
Hampden Country Club
- December 2, 1978**  
Agawam Auxiliary Police  
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Polish American Club  
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### Weaving Workshop

Storowton Village's official weaver will conduct a holiday crafts workshop Tuesday, Nov. 28th on the art of weaving a holiday wreath on a circular loom. The workshop will be held from 10 to noon in the Gilbert House on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition.

Mrs. Whitney, whose circular pieces have won numerous prizes at craft exhibits, will lead the group in methods needed to create a handwoven decorative wreath. Mrs. Whitney is also secretary of the Storowton Crafters.

Cost of the workshop is \$3.50 plus \$1.50 for supplies. Each participant will make a wreath that day.

Early registration is advised by contacting June Cook, Storowton Village Museum Director at 736-0632.

## Libraries Celebrate 'Children's Book Week'

The Agawam Libraries will celebrate Children's Book Week with special programs from November 13th through November 17th. In addition to the regularly scheduled morning storytimes for preschoolers, the following afterschool events will be presented for elementary aged children:

**Monday:** at Agawam Center Library - "Tall Tale Story Hour"

**Tuesday** at Agawam Center Library, "Picture Book Filmstrip Hour"

**Tuesday**, at Agawam Library II, repeat of "Tall Tale Story Hour"

**Wednesday**, at Agawam Center Library, "Fairy Tale

Story Hour"

**Thursday**, at Agawam Center Library, brand new children's books will be ready to circulate.

**Thursday**, at Agawam Library II, repeat of "Filmstrip Hour"

**Friday**, at Agawam Library II, performance of "The Enchanted Circle", a travelling company of actors and musicians, entitled *The Lesson of the Bear*.

All programs at the Agawam Center Library will begin at 3 p.m. Programs at Agawam Library II will begin at 3:45 p.m.

For more information, call either of the Agawam libraries.

## Winners Announced in 'Haunted House' Coloring Contest

Several Agawam school children were presented with gifts for submitting winning entries in the Jaycees-Jaycee-ettes "Haunted House" coloring contest.

From over 600 entries, the following winners were selected, and have received their awards: **Granger School** Kindergarten, Tony Bracci; 1st grade, Judith Llewelyn; 2nd grade, Lisa Lindsay; 3rd grade, Susan Fitzgerald; 4th grade, Ricky White; 5th grade, Cathy Helton. **Phelps School** - 1st grade, Charles Weber; 2nd grade, Kevin Cooling; 3rd grade, Karen Placzek; 5th grade, Kellie Graves. **Robinson Park School** - 1st, Cara Cartello; 2nd, Christine Ferioli; 3rd, Clarissa Cartello; 4th grade, Connie Landon; 5th grade, Christine Morriset.

Also, **Danahy School** - 2nd

grade, Mark Romeo; 3rd grade, Steve Simmons; 4th grade, Eddie Drown; 5th grade, Christine Sherman. **Pierce School** - 1st grade, Melanie Pacella; 2nd, Melissa Guertin; 3rd grade, Patrick O'Brien; 4th grade, Tim Bryan.

**Clark School** - 2nd grade, Scott Cavallo; 3rd grade, Everett Bush; 5th grade, Curtis Wu.

Judged as best over-all entries were: **First Prize** - Patrick O'Brien, 3rd grade, Pi ce School; **Second Prize** - Kellie Graves, 4th grade, Phelps School; and **Third Prize** - Cara Cartello, 1st grade, Robinson School.

The local organizations termed the contest a success, and wish to thank the many children who entered and the local businesses that donated prizes.

## Chicken Pie Supper At F.H. Congregational

The Annual Chicken Pie Supper of the Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church will be served at the church on North Westfield Street on Saturday, Nov. 11, with continuous servings from 5 to 7 p.m. The menu includes chicken pie, mashed potatoes, squash, boiled onions, cranberry sauce, beet relish, rolls, beverage, apple and squash pies. Tickets for adults are \$3.75 and for children (6-12) \$1.25. Reservations may be made

with Mrs. Homer Allen, 786-2069, or Mrs. Orville Burt, 786-2369. Mrs. Richard Taylor and Mrs. Perry McCobb are co-chairmen of the kitchen, with Miss Linda Taylor serving as hostess in the dining room.

Before and during the supper, a bazaar featuring home-baked goods, Christmas gifts and decorations, aprons, books, and plants will take place. Mrs. George Kopy and Mrs. Lyman Hastings are in charge of the bazaar.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Teachers Take Cultural Course

Agawam teachers and principals are learning how to use the rich cultural resources of the area to create new activities for their students in a unique in-service series developed for the Agawam School System by the Cultural Education Collaborative.

More than 40 Agawam school personnel are participating in this eleven-session in-service series which takes place each Tuesday afternoon from Sept. 26 to Dec. 12. The sessions include visits to five local cultural institutions, among them Storowton Village, Laughing Brook Education Center, and the Quadrangle art museums.

The other six sessions take place at Robinson Park School. Local experts in the various arts, such as contra-dance and jazz, come to the school's cafeteria to present to the teachers and principals ways to integrate their particular art form in classroom activities.

Recently, the Chrysalis Theater Eclectic, a Northampton-based performing and educational group, came to Robinson Park School to

give the participants theater activities suitable for the classroom. The Chrysalis leaders first involved the teachers and principals in imaginative warm-up exercises - such as pantomiming the painting of a door or the tossing of a lasso - that work to release tension and increase attention among students.

In "statues," the participants learned how their students' imagination can be stretched by inventing a reason why a particular body pose signifies a certain emotion. The participants then created a series of tableaux of still body poses on stories of fear.

The main objectives of this in-service series are to expose the participants to cultural activities that can be adapted easily for classroom use and to spur interest in teachers and principals for using area cultural institutions for assistance in curriculum activities. In both regards, the series seems to be successful, for as one participant enthused, "The use of cultural resources in new ways is most important to me and for all children!"

### Parent Tour Offered

Superintendent of Schools Ernest Cannava announced that a parents' tour of the Westover Occupational Resource Center is being organized. A bus will be leaving the junior high school on Nov. 9th at 10 a.m. and will return at approximately 11:30 a.m.

The Westover Occupational Resource Center is the site of the collaborative school that Agawam has joined with other area towns to make available to its students quality vocational education.

If you are interested in taking this tour of the vocational education facilities, call the superintendent's office as soon as possible because the bus seats are being reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Cathedral Reunion

It's not too late to join us! November 25th at the Hampden Country Club, Cathedral High School's Class of 1964 will hold its 15th year reunion. Reservations should be made on or before November 14 at \$8.00 per person. Make checks payable to: CHS '64, P.O. Box 152, Indian Orchard, Mass. 01151.



Agawam High members of "As Schools Match Wits" team are (from L. to R.) Ralph Albano, alternate, Bill Carr, Todd Rovelli, John Shaer, and Arthur Wu.

### Agawam High to be on "As Schools Match Wits"

On Saturday, Nov. 11th Agawam High School will be competing against Northfield Mt. Hermon School at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 22 on "As Schools Match Wits." Representing Agawam High are the following students:

Captain John Shaer, a senior, Arthur Wu, a senior, William Carr, a junior, and Todd Rovelli, a sophomore. Alternate will be Ralph Albano, a junior. Group advisor is Mr. Larry O'Brien.

### Enrollment Data Sought

Mr. James Loomis, Jr., recently appointed Enrollment Studies Coordinator for Agawam, has asked for assistance from town residents in compiling information and data needed to make an accurate projection of needs in our schools.

Each child presently attending Agawam schools will be sent home with a letter asking for certain facts. If for some reason your child does not bring this form home from school in the near future, please note down the following information and contact your child's school or Mr. Loomis at the superintendent's office.

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### AHS Band Honored, but Cannot Attend

Mr. Darcy Davis, director of the Agawam High Band, stated this week that even though the group will not be able to accept the invitation to the Inauguration Ceremony of the United Nations International Office in Vienna, Austria, because of the tremendous costs involved, it was a distinct honor for the band to be selected to represent the state of Massachusetts and the nation for this international event.

During the first two weeks of August, Vienna normally hosts a youth music festival, which the Ludlow High School Band attended several years ago. Early brochures for this festival indicated that prize-winning groups would be invited to the United Nations Ceremony; however, the Agawam Band was invited to the United Nations dedication to be a part of a special pageant "Review of the Continents," which would be a part of the worldwide

television ceremonies marking the formal opening of the new center.

In previous years, the Agawam High Band has received invitations to the regular festival in Vienna, the Tulip Festival in Holland, and would have been the first band from Massachusetts to participate in the Kentucky Derby Festival at the time of the Derby Centennial. The band normally takes a spring trip to some major festival, but has not ventured beyond the Eastern United States because of the extensive costs involved in taking a large group to distant parts of this country or to other countries.

The invitation to Vienna along with invitations to other festivals this year will be discussed at the next meeting of the band parents. In past years, it has been felt that the resources of the community would not allow this type of trip unless some kind of grant were forthcoming along with the invitation.

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# Editorials



## TO THE EDITOR LETTERS

### A letter to the people of Agawam:

It is long overdue that some sanity was introduced to the matters of the Town Manager and the closing of the Ottawa Street Fire Station.

It seems obvious to the writer that every valid factor was considered by town management before the closing decision was made. Please keep in mind that timed runs were made by equipment from our two major stations to the North Agawam district to see that the North Agawam area was in no way cheated of fire protection. Furthermore let's keep in mind that our best equipment has not been housed at Ottawa, so house fires and commercial establishment fires have required Agawam Center and Feeding Hills equipment all along.

Also remember that the manager has a very serious problem regarding the town ambulance. The number of men on our police department has been reduced in the last few years as was suggested by the McCann report and the obvious option was to transfer responsibility for operation to our Fire Department. Transferring the three men that previously manned the Ottawa Street to the two remaining stations allows operation of the

ambulance without loss of required numbers of men to man the fire equipment.

I and all the people I know favor reduction of government costs through better and more prudent management. Now that we have a manager that is working in that direction I hope everyone will use practical consideration in arriving at judgement. We just can't have good town management without efficient and business-like operation of all departments.

This was all I had to say until I went home for dinner tonight and read the article in the Daily News which reported that the West Springfield firefighters have agreed to withhold emergency fire assistance to Agawam as part of a protest against the closing of the station on Ottawa Street. The newspaper article led me to believe that the President of our fire fighters' union was pleased to make this announcement. He is quoted as saying the pact for emergency help from West Springfield "will not be renewed until the Agawam firefighters have a chance to negotiate their demands for up to four additional personnel and increments for Emergency Medical Technicians who drive the town's ambulance."

I know many of our firefighters, I like them, and I know the fine work that they do. They are very professional in their every day duties.

Good men know what is right and what is wrong and Christian ethic makes all of us aware that the end never justifies the means.

The Agawam firefighters are employed by all of the people of Agawam and the people are due loyalty, service, vigilance and a deep sense of responsibility.

Our firefighters union has invaded the area of responsibility that belongs only to elected government and government appointed management. Beyond that they have failed in the trust given to them by their brother and sister citizens.

I frankly feel that the people of Agawam want what is right and fair and equitable for our firefighters...I beg the firefighters to re-examine their present position.

Concerned Citizen

### To the Editor:

It's now the day after Halloween, and the complaints are rolling in over the manner in which the Southwick Halloween party was run. Everyone knows how it should have been done. Where were you when we organized? Where were you when we pleaded for help? Funny, today you have all the answers; a month ago, you didn't care!

The position for chairman for 1979 is open. Sign up at the town hall today, November 1, 1979 will be too late. If people don't volunteer, will there be a party next year? Mrs. Carol Laughlin Mrs. Georgianna Grimaldi

### To the Editor:

My children and I attended the Halloween Party given at the Powder Mill School in Southwick. I wish to state publicly the fantastic time we had and to thank all those responsible for planning such an enjoyable evening.

The amount of planning, preparation, and "people time" involved was readily apparent in the total organization of the evening. From the parade, to the refreshments, the entire evening was truly a TREAT for all.

Thank you.  
Kathleen M. Arduini  
5 Woodside Circle  
Southwick

## Town Hall Bulletin Board

### Town Council

A regular meeting of the Agawam Town Council will take place at the Agawam Junior High on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 8:00 p.m. Please note the change of day from the usual Monday to Wednesday which was arranged because of the Election Day.

### DPW Notice

The Agawam Department of Public Works announced to residents of Agawam that the closing day for the Brush Disposal Area will be Saturday, Nov. 18. The area will be closed during the winter season and reopened in the spring.

## Obituaries

Leo O. Simonetta, 53, of Forest, Virginia, died Friday, November 3, 1978, in Lynchburg, Va. Born in Springfield, he was the son of Catherine Simonetta of Agawam and the late Dennis Simonetta. He had been manager of the mobile radio department materials of General Electric in Lynchburg. A veteran of World War II in the U.S. Navy, he was a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Lynchburg.

Besides his mother, he leaves his wife, Claudine, three sons, Leo George, John Dennis, and Joseph Ajay, and one daughter, Mary Claudine all of Lynchburg.

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Pat Guevin



How quickly we forget...wasn't it just a few weeks ago when many of Agawam's citizens were crying 'foul' when the \$3.00 tax increase was announced? Weren't those disgruntled folks saying things like, 'the town had better stop spending', 'we need some budget cuts', and the like? Now it is some of those same people who are crying 'foul' because the Town Manager has seen fit to close a fire station that has outlived its usefulness, and plans are pending to close an outdated, too small library.

It's time the people of Agawam put aside emotionalism and their penchant for petitions, and view the situation objectively. Taxes can't be held, let alone cut, unless we are willing to cut spending and 'trim the fat'. Unfortunately, we won't always agree on what 'fat' to trim. The fire station in question is old and dilapidated, and has not, in recent years housed any of the larger pieces of equipment that would be needed in a major fire - that would have to come from one of the remaining stations. The firemen are concerned about manpower, or lack of it. I'm not in a position to comment on that issue, what I am condoning, is the closing of the physical plant - the North Agawam Station. I don't believe, and I sincerely hope that you don't believe that the town's administration would play Russian Roulette with the lives of the people in Agawam!

As for the Center Library - I can't see where it would be fair to allow the Center Library to remain open and close the one in Feeding Hills. After all, Agawam II is just as convenient for Feeding Hills residents as the Center Library is for Agawam Center residents. If anything, the Agawam II serves a larger population than the Center Library. An old 7-11 Store may not be close to being an historical site, but then neither is a forty year old building. Besides, the building will remain, what will be eliminated will be an unnecessary tax burden for all of the people of Agawam.

How about it taxpayers! Shall we submit ourselves to the will of a few? If you really want your taxes lowered, or at least not increased, it is time that the 'silent majority' in Agawam (and they are a majority), be heard. Let's let our administration know that we are behind their efforts to hold the line on spending, and let's urge them to continue on a course of action that they consider to be in the best interests of ALL of the people of Agawam - not just a few.

## Soft Tooth Myth

by Holly Bresnahan  
Agawam Town Hygienist

Probably every dentist and hygienist has been asked by a patient at one time or another

if he or she has cavities because of soft teeth. Many people use this as an excuse for having dental problems; it is easier to blame heredity than to blame your craving for sugar-coated goodies. The truth is that people don't have "soft" teeth at all.

Before eruption and for a few years afterward, tooth enamel is not yet fully calcified. It is at this stage that a tooth could be considered "soft." This is why the teenage years, when people are completing their second set of teeth, are said to be the "cavity-prone" years. But, in this respect, everyone during that stage of his life has "soft" teeth. Why do some people get a lot of caries (cavities) then, and other people don't? The amount of fluoride they have had has a lot to do with it. The diet, of course, is important too - remember that it is the frequency of sugar intake rather than the amount that is really important. Every time sugar is eaten, there are 20 minutes of acid destruction going on. Breath mints and cough drops can be very damaging because they are in the mouth for a long time, and people usually pop one in right after another.

Oral hygiene is another factor. Naturally, the cleaner you keep your teeth, the better off you are. The structure of the teeth also could be related to the incidence of caries. Straight, even teeth are easier to clean and are thought to be more self-cleansing. It is possible that having crowded, crooked teeth straightened will improve your chances of staying caries-free.

Some of you may be thinking that you know someone who never brushes his teeth, always eats candy, and never gets a cavity. There do seem to be people like that who are just lucky, and no one knows exactly why this happens, but most of us are not so lucky. It has been said that 95-97% of the population is affected by cavities. Good oral hygiene, restricting sugar intake, use of fluoride, and regular dental check-ups are rules we should all follow to prevent dental disease.

## Legal Notices Accepted

The Agawam Advertiser/News is a legally recognized publication for Legal Notices. Mr. John O'Brien, Registrar of Probate in Springfield and Hampden County has officially announced our acceptance by his office to publish Legal Notices for the Agawam/Feeding Hills and Southwick areas.

We are pleased to call this to the attention of the legal profession and the citizens of Agawam. We encourage the use of our paper for Probate matters, Town Hearings, Lost Passbooks, and other legal notifications.



## Our Town

Although several spot checks revealed that there were more trick-or-treaters than last year, the Citizens For A Safe Halloween program in Southwick was a success. About 450 children showed up at the Powder Mill School for a mime show, cartoons, and refreshments. Special thanks to the Consolidated School teachers, volunteer firemen, and members of the Firemen's Wives Association and other volunteers or helping out the night of the program. Thanks also to the Hi-Lo Drum Corps of Agawam and to all those who baked goodies for the event. And an extra special thanks to Bob and Carol Laughlin, who have headed up this program since its inception. Let's hope someone's around next year to take their places.

Those of you who, for one reason or another, decided not to go to the Policeman's ball missed a good time. The little extras like the champagne fountain and china plates were very nice. But the best part of the evening was the people. It was like a very big, but very happy family. A small town has a lot going for it in that respect.

Begging the pardon of the police association, however I must say a few words about the band, the Revelers. Whoever heard of ending a formal and elegant affair with a song like *Proud Mary*? Oh well, better luck next year.

SOUTHWICK SOAP: Who left the lights on in the rescue vehicle? Will Yashu ever get his \$9? Are whales becoming extinct? Who is that bearded apostle? Will the Pizza King get growled at by the fox? Will the fox remain a bear until he gets his deer?

The answer to these and other questions will never appear in this column because things are not always as they seem. But, say the magic word and the duck comes down and gives you \$50.

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# Southwick

## Sarat Ford Wins Bid For New Southwick Cruisers

The Southwick Board of Selectmen last week accepted the bid of Sarat Ford of Agawam to supply the town with two new police cruisers. Sarat's bid of \$10,150 included almost \$3600 for trade-in of the present vehicles. The only other bidder was Wolfe Motor Sales of Southwick, who submitted a cost of \$11,075.

The two new cruisers will be 1979 Ford LTD II's. Delivery is expected sometime in January.

The present cruisers now register over 80,000 miles each. Ten thousand dollars of revenue sharing funds was approved at last April's Annual Town Meeting for the purchase of the new vehicles.

In other business, Ray

Vincunas, a representative of Edward J. O'Leary Co., showed the board plans for the future facilities of Comark Communications to be located at the corner of Hudson Drive and Feeding Hills Road. The plans showed a more detailed description of the lighting and storm drainage controls to be used by the company. Questions about the lighting and storm drainage were raised at a recent Planning Board meeting.

Comark Communications, currently located in Westfield, manufactures television components and other electronic equipment. About 25 people will be employed at the new facility.

Cincunas said the percolation tests have been taken,

and the land closing is scheduled for November 15. He said construction should begin after Thanksgiving, and the company is anticipating occupancy after Thanksgiving.

The Board also said they will be scheduling public hearings for a liquor license request by Michael Davidson and Dan Regan and for removal of trees on Ed Holcomb Road.

Selectmen Chairman Nuchi Prifti reported that line stripping and drainage are the final projects scheduled by the highway department for this year. He also said that the shrub gardens and evergreens have been planted in the Memorial Park, and flower beds will be put in next spring.

## Town Offices Close for Veterans' Day

The town offices in Southwick will be closed on Friday, November 10 in observance of Veterans' Day.

A veterans' parade and ceremonies at the cemeteries will be held on Veterans' Day, Saturday, November 11.

## Elementary Schools Close Early

The Southwick elementary schools will close early on Thursday, Nov. 9th and Wednesday, Nov. 15th for parent conferences. Students at Woodland and Consolidated Schools will be dismissed at 11 a.m., and Grades 5 and 6 students will be dismissed at 11:25 a.m. on those days.

Any parents who have not yet made appointments for conferences with their children's teachers should contact the school offices for a convenient conference time.

Students in grades 7 - 12 will be dismissed from school at the regular times on those days.

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## Southwick Grange Announces Schedule

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Southwick Grange will be Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the Grange Hall. Gerald Celley, master, will preside.

At this meeting the first and second degrees will be conferred. Refreshments will be served under the direction of John and Pauline Viel.

Mrs. Jeanette Weston, Grange lecturer, has announced the following program for the 1978-1979 season: Nov. 14, first and second degrees conferred; Nov. 28, Pink and Green Sash Night, the Southwick Afternotes will entertain; Dec. 12, Christmas program; Jan. 9, Handbell Ringers from Rockville, Conn.; Jan.

23, Alaska Trip by Asher Nesin.

Also, Feb. 13, Valentine program; Feb. 27, Agricultural program; Mar. 13, Trip to the British Isles with Florence Blish; Mar. 27, Neighbors Night, Granby, Conn. Grange to be guests; Apr. 10, Conservation night; Apr. 24, first and second degrees conferred; May 8, third and fourth degrees conferred.

Also, May 22, Southwick Grange to neighbor with Umpachene Grange; June 12, Election of Officers; June 26, Mystery Ride; July 10, Home and Community Service program; Aug. 14, Cook-out; Sept. 11, Installation of officers; and Sept. 25, Pot Luck Supper.

## Celley's Attend State Grange

The 106th session of the Massachusetts State Grange was held recently at Plymouth, Mass. at the Plymouth Memorial Auditorium. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Celley of Congamond Road attended as delegates from the Southwick Grange, and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hepburn of Point Grove Road attended as delegates from the Pioneer Valley Pomona Grange. The event was a three-day session.

## Southwick Fire Log

The Southwick Volunteer Fire Department responded to the following emergency calls last week:

### 10/21/78 Saturday

Ambulance, Matthews Road to Noble Hospital, 12:45 p.m.; Ambulance, Summer Drive to Noble Hospital, 1:15 p.m.

### 10/22/78 Sunday

Ambulance, Hickory Hill Road to Noble Hospital, 5:45 p.m.

### 10/24/78 Tuesday

Brush fire, South Loomis Street; Compressor fire, Jones Market.

### Sunday, Oct. 29

Ambulance, 11:45 a.m., Klaus Anderson Road to Noble Hospital; Boat fire, 2:10 a.m., North College Highway; Grease fire, 9:10 p.m., Feeding Hills Road.

### Monday, Oct. 30

Ambulance, 11:45 a.m., College Highway to Noble Hospital, car accident; Grease fire, 7:35 p.m., Berkshire Ave. Tuesday, Oct. 31

Grass fire, 5:45 p.m., Fred Jackson Road.

### Wednesday, Nov. 1

Ambulance, 4:15 p.m., College Highway to Noble Hospital; Ambulance, 8:10 p.m., corner of Sheep Pasture and Point Grove Roads to Noble Hospital, car accident.

### 10/21/78 Saturday aft. 6 p.m.

Breaking and entering at the home of William A. Peters, 62 Davis Road. Garage was entered and \$340 worth of articles taken. Investigated by Officer Robert Laughlin.

Jerry L. Martin, 20, of Rte. 57, Granville, was arrested on College Highway for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Gary Dasciano.

### 10/23/78 Monday

Deborah L. Barnes, 21, of 216 West Granby Road, Granby, Conn., was arrested for speeding. Arresting officer was Robert Laughlin.

### 10/24/78 Tuesday daytime

Breaking and entering at the home of James Christian, 23 Veterans Street. The house was entered and articles valued at \$5,800 were taken. Investigating officer was Robert Grimaldi.

### 10/25/78 Wednesday

James N. Goodreau, 18, of 563 Center Street, Ludlow, was arrested on Granville Road for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Sgt. Ronald LeBarron.

4:19 p.m. - A vehicle operated by Ramon A. Leon, 55, of 1985 Blue Hills Ave., Windsor, Conn., was struck in the rear by a vehicle operated by Frank R. Buoniconti, 34, of 5 Pleasant Valley Rd., Feeding Hills. The accident occurred on College Highway. Buoniconti was cited for following too closely. Investigating officer was John Cebula.



## New Minister for Methodist Church



Rev. Paul Woodbury Jr.

We are happy to welcome two new residents of Agawam, the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woodbury Jr. The Rev. Mr. Woodbury has taken up new duties as the minister of the Agawam Methodist Church, and he and his wife Florence are now living in the parsonage on Mill Street.

A native of Worcester, Mr. Woodbury served as a Navy

medic during World War II and graduated from Maryville College, Tennessee, in 1950. In 1954 he graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary of Washington, D.C., but since that time his continued studies have accumulated an impressive list of credits. Among them are a master's degree from Springfield College in

guidance counseling and certifications to teach biology and counseling in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Mr. Woodbury's many years of service have been spent in several churches in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, including a period some years ago which was spent at Asbury Methodist Church in Springfield. He noted the many geographic and demographic changes which have taken place during the intervening years (including the unfortunate destruction by fire of Asbury Church).

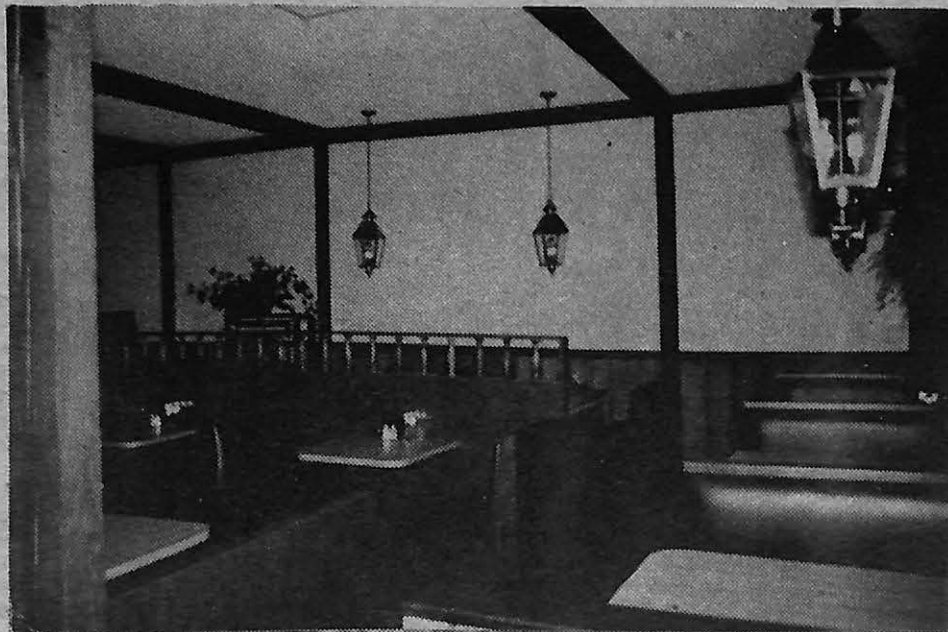
The Rev. Mr. Woodbury is a member of the Association of Clinical Pastoral Educators, the Association of Mental Health Chaplains, and of the College of Chaplains of the American Protestant Hospital Association. Besides his new duties at the Agawam Methodist Church, he is also serving as the chaplain at Western Massachusetts Hospital on East Mountain Road in

Westfield, Mass. As the chaplain, Mr. Woodbury finds that he is not solely ministering to the patients at the hospital, but to the staff as well. Through his previous experience as a chaplain in both Boston and Providence, he has found that "if the staff is troubled, how can they help the patient to bear the burden?" Certainly such a caring person would be a welcome addition to any staff.

Hopefully, the Rev. and Mrs. Woodbury will learn to love Agawam and will wish to stay for many years. (Incidentally, CB fans will be interested to learn that Mr. Woodbury is an avid CBER and a member of the Bristol County CB Club. Perhaps some of you may be talking to him in the future!)

The Rev. and Mrs. Woodbury have four grown children who all live in other areas of the country.

## Spotlight on Southwick Business



The interior of the Southwick Pizzeria provides a warm, homelike atmosphere for diners.

The Southwick Pizzeria, located in the Grist Mill Plaza at the corner of Rte. 202 and Rte. 57, has been in operation for 10 months. The host of the Southwick Pizzeria is George Pitsiladis, who is the former catering manager for Chez Josef in Agawam. Following

his working at Chez Josef, he was employed as catering manager on a cruise ship in the Caribbean.

Mr. Pitsiladis has won three awards as a chef. The Southwick Pizzeria features a complete family menu and, also, prompt take-out orders

at reasonable prices. After winning three cooking awards, Mr. Pitsiladis is putting his considerable talents to work again.

George Pitsiladis lives at 115 Granville Road, Southwick.

## Ten Receive Costume Awards in Halloween Parade

Ten children received best costume awards at the Agawam Jaycee-ettes Halloween Parade, which was held on Sunday, October 29th. Winners of the awards were as follows: First Place, Kent Hodge, age 10 - who came dressed as one of the KISS characters; Second

Place - Scott Bracci, age 8; Third Place - Matthew McLaine, age 6; Fourth Place - Larry Bouchard, age 10; Fifth Place - Sean Emory, age 7; and Sixth thru Tenth Places - Sean O'Brien, age 5, Nicole Brittain, age 1½, Alex Jorgensen, age 9, Todd Zern, age 2, and Elie & Aron Mercolino, ages 6 & 2.

Over 700 children participated in the parade, which was once again a huge success. The Jaycee-ettes wish to thank the children and everyone who participated in the Parade. A special thanks to all of the local businesses who donated prizes and refreshments.

## Agawam Girl In Play



Playing a featured role in the Bay Path Jr. College production of "Sweet Charity" is Agawam resident Valerie Balboni (front center). Other cast members pictured include, from left: Alicia Anderson, Stuart Lerman, Joseph Chapdelaine, and Robin Cmiel. Miss Balboni

will play Josie, a Fandango Dance Hall girl, in the play scheduled for Nov. 10, 11, 16, 17, and 18 at 8 p.m. and at 2 p.m. on the 11th, in Mills Theatre on the Longmeadow campus. Tickets may be obtained by calling the Box Office.

## Troop 75 Seeking Donated Articles

Troop 75 of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills is in need of any odds and ends such as boy scout uniforms, tents, camping equipment, etc. that anyone would like to donate to the troop. If you have something you would like to donate, please call Raymond D. Foley at 786-1381 or Tom Tourville at 786-2444 anytime after 5:00.

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# Sports

## Welcome To My World

by Charles J. Duclos

10/24/78 - Agawam Junior Varsity soccer team dumped its counterpart Northampton by 3-2. Northampton drew first blood against the Brownies, but Agawam's John Kunasek evened the score 1-1 in the second quarter. Once again the opposition scored and advanced 2-1; however, a pass from Steve Tetreault, a small-statured, gutsy player, to Jeff Duclos allowed the Duke to place it in the net tying it up 2-2. With three minutes left in the game, Chris Petrucci's direct kick on goal gave Agawam its fourth game of the season.

10/26/78 - Coach John Park's Agawam High J.V. soccer team made it two victories for the week by downing Amherst 3-0. Chris Petrucci, Rhinehart VonHollander, and Tom Munley's masterful ball handling and general support for their teammates left the Brownies with a 5-5-2 record thus far for the season.

Special recognition should be given to Rick Bowe, the goalie, who only sees the ball from one side, but does a good job of blocking and defending his position. Constantly being expected to "eat" the ball during the game, Rick covers

his range well and shows general improvement with each tournament.

10/28/78 - Coach Bill O'Brien beamed with double pleasure as both of his girls' soccer teams in the Pioneer Valley League won back-to-back games in Wilbraham. The 16-and-under team "extended a super effort" according to O'Brien and marched off with a 1-0 victory. Mary Moreau's corner kick with less than two minutes in the final period, and a little help from the opposition, broke the 0-0 deadlock against Sixteen Acres Lions.

In the 12-and-under game, Sixteen Acres Lions were slain by the crafty ball handling of Diane Goodman and Andrea Tebaldi, who assisted Julie Miodowski in both of her efforts as she dead-eyed the ball into the net. With the score at 2-zip at half time, some of the regulars were replaced by Deanne Duclos, Amy Vacirca, Katie Slamon, and rounded-out by Pat and Kathie Landry. Julie Miodowski replaced Lena Kazlowski in the net; both girls being very versatile in any position. The game finished at 2-0 for Agawam's ninth win for the season.

### How to Vote for Outstanding Athlete

In order to vote for the 'Outstanding Athlete', our readers should complete the ballot on this page. All citizens of Agawam are eligible to vote for the SENIOR athlete in the four categories -Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer and Girls Swimming (circle the appropriate sport). Fill in the athlete's name, your name, address and phone number. Mail the form to The Agawam Advertiser/News at P.O.Box 233 Agawam, Ma. 01001.

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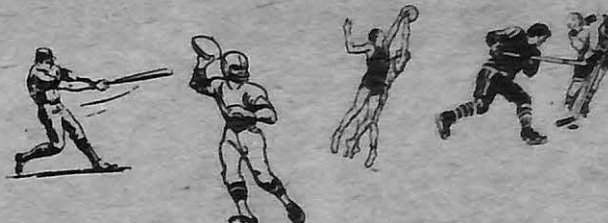
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## Touching All Bases

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

**AFIELD AND AHOCKEY-**  
Congratulations to Southwick High's field hockey team, recently capping first place in Valley Wheel divisional play, downing South Hadley 1-0...the win upped the Rams' tally to 8-12.

**RAM BOOTERMANIA**  
DEPT.-Bi-County League champions, Southwick High's Rams, boot back into the swing of competitive soccer soon, heading into the Western Mass. soccer tournament slated for November 11...the Rams are one of an eight-team field...finals for the tourney are slated for November 17th at Springfield College.

**HERE & THERE** - A round of applause for Agawam high varsity soccer coach, Paul Blodgett...Blodgett incorporated new techniques and styles of play to further improve the already awesome line-up of Brownie booters. The Galmier's Longshot of 1978 - Westfield gridders will lose this year's AA Conference...Whatever the

AA outcome, first-year Brownie mentor Jack Michalak is another individual who deserves a fanfare...

**GIVE A LITTLE, TAKE A LITTLE DEPT.-** Agawam's Mike B'Shara has dropped from first to fourth in scoring stats going into last Saturday's game...B'Shara has been deadlocked at 7 TD's for 14 points for the past two weeks...Going into last Saturday's contest, the Brownie gridders were 4-1 in AA Conference play, 5-2 overall.

**PROMINENT PEOPLE**  
FILE #1- A surprising number of people in town don't even realize we have another hockey personality living in Agawam besides Eddie Shore, otherwise known as "Mr. Hockey"...Walt Atanas, who resides in Feeding Hills is a present scout for the Philadelphia Flyers...Atanas also coached the Maine Mariners last Saturday night while coach Jay Quinn was out with a one-day suspension...you learn something new everyday, as they say...

**HERE AND THERE, PART II** - What Gordie Howe really wants is to skate on the same line as his grandchildren...rumors circulating that the Brownie stickmen will be placed in the Berry Division for this upcoming season, taken out of their present Fay...Berry may prove to be a little tougher, as it contains Cathedral and Classical, two Western Mass hockey powers... This week's \$65,000 question - Can Brownie basketball rebound to be a contender for 1979?...Winter sports physicals will be held at Agawam High on November 10.

**QUICK SAVES** - How about that new goaltender for the Springfield Indians, Rick Sevigny...Sevigny, rookie netminder with the Tribe has been putting on a show for Coliseum-goers recently. Sevigny held onto a 2-2 overtime tie with Maine a week ago with superb goal-tending...five weeks and counting until the Brownie stickmen skate back into action for their first contests...

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## Varsity Girl's Soccer

by Joanne Anderson



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"It would be very nice for us to end the season on a positive note with two consecutive wins," stated Coach Weiss. This will mark the sixth meeting between the two schools since 1925. The series is even at 2-2-1. Last year the Continentals defeated WPI 27-6. WPI's last win in this series came in 1951, 21-14.

At the half, Agawam was ready to go in fighting with our halfbacks, Lisa Impoco, michelle Korob, Laurel Masi, and Kathy Foley.

The whole team appreciates all the support the people gave to us in the stands. They were there to help us get through our fighting season and we ended with a 5-8-3 record. We also appreciate the help of our coach Mrs. Stevens, and our assistant coach, Maureen Townsend gave us. We had a lot of fun and we hope to be a better team next year.

There are a few things to be aware of when growing plants in any window of your home. Some plants can take direct sun for only short periods, while others can take filtered light only or they will sunburn. Ordinary window glass traps heat, so some plants that can thrive in direct sun outdoors may not be able to take it indoors. Four minutes of direct sunlight through a window provides radiant energy equal to about an hour of full sun outdoors. Plants grown in pots indoors are tender compared to their counterparts in the tropics or desert. We must keep this in mind when we try to grow plants indoors.

These plants all will thrive in your east windows, so why not add one or more to your collection and watch it grow. NEXT WEEK: Plants for that south window. KEEP SMILING! JMC

## by Charles J. Duclos

During the second half,

Bill and his assistant, Shari Baldarelli, can be proud of their charges, who now face the play-offs next week for the championship of the four other divisions. The team finished its regular season with a 10-0-0 record. They scored 66 goals and gave up only 2, which went to Ludlow earlier in the season. Some impressive tally! Looking forward to the finals.

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## Eagle Patrol Takes 1st Place



Members of the Eagle Patrol of Boy Scout Troop 76 are shown with their first place ribbon. From left to right are: Guy Jediny, Todd Jediny, and Edward Johnson.

The Eagle Patrol of Boy Scout Troop 76, which is sponsored by St. Theresa's Church in Agawam, won a first place ribbon at the Knox Trail District Fall Camporee. The ribbon was in recognition of being the only patrol at the camporee able to start a fire

by using "fire by friction" method.

The Knox Trail District serves the towns of Agawam, West Springfield, Westfield, Southwick, and the hill towns.

The camporee was held at Apinawaka-Pita camping

area in North Chester, Mass.

Troop 76 meets every Friday night from 7 to 9 at St. Theresa's Hall on the corner of Bridge and Cooley Streets, Agawam. Any boy 11 years old or older is welcome to join.

## Christmas Craft Fair

Attention craftsmen and craftswomen! The Westfield Alternative School is holding its third annual Christmas Craft Fair. The fair will be held December 9th at the South Middle School, Westfield. Any craftspersons wishing to rent table space should call 562-5518 between 8:30 and 4:00 or 562-6509 between 4:00 and 9:00. Table rentals are \$10 a piece.

## Vagabonds Dance Club

The Vagabonds Square Dance Club will feature Lou Taddia calling and the Beatty's cueing the rounds at their Turkey Trot square dance on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 8 p.m. The dance will be held at Our Lady of Hope, Armory St., Springfield. All western style dancers are welcome to join the fun club for an evening of enjoyable square dancing. Door prizes will be awarded and refreshments served.



## Our Feathered Friends

by Mary Os

Even the most loyal birder has to admit that the Common Starling is just plain ugly. A large flock of these ungainly birds have been feeding around my back yard for nearly a week now. It's just so hard to warm up to them. Plump, short-tailed, and awkward, they present anything but a stately appearance. It is easy to see where they got their name. In the winter, the Starling sports a myriad of white spots all over its breast and cheeks, resembling stars on a black sky.

Starlings are not native to the United States, and there are many who wish that this pesty bird had never been introduced here. But introduced it was on March 16, 1890 in Central Park in New York. Sixty of the species were released by a group of zealots who believed that every species of bird mentioned by Shakespeare should be a U.S. citizen. One ambitious pair began mating at once, supposedly under the eaves of the Museum of Natural History. As if this weren't enough, forty more of the bird were released the following year. American cities have been paying for this folly ever since.

Many citizen groups have tried to rid urban areas of these birds with little success. They are noisy, and large roosts may contain tens of thousands of birds capable of creating a loud din. Naturally,

they also foul the area making it hazardous for pedestrians to walk the streets. Starlings also compete with native birds for space and food. The one positive thing that can be said of them is that they are omnivorous and, consequently, do help keep the insect population down. But they also do considerable damage to food and grain crops and compete with livestock for winter feed.

By spring time, the "stars" have been abraded off the starlings feathers, and the bird builds its poorly-constructed nest. It is built in the hollow of a tree or crevice of a building and is lined with twigs, grass, and, not surprisingly, trash. The female lays 4 to 6 pale blue eggs. The immatures are a dull brown and do not have the shiny, luminous appearance the adults exhibit when in the sun. The females and males are similar.

Starlings are not easily discouraged, and once they find your feeder, they may move right in. Basically ground feeders, they may confine their visits to waddling and hopping around the ground. Many town fathers have tried costly and exotic stunts to rid their cities of these pests and have met with little success. Grin and bear it if these not-so-welcome guests frequent your feeder. Try to remember that that they would not be in this country at all except by invitation.

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## Brownie Booters Lose

by Steve Berard

"We played very well, with a lot of enthusiasm and hustle, unfortunately we didn't get any breaks." These were the comments of Paul Blodgett, coach of the varsity booters, when asked about their recent outing against the 1st place Westfield squad.

The defeat was Agawam's 8th, compared to their 6 victories. The scorers in the Westfield game for Agawam were Tommy Knight, and who else but Bart McCarthy. "He is a super player with outstanding skills," stated co-captain Dave Chase. Currently Bart leads the

Western Mass Division in goals scored. Another plus for the Brownie Squad was Wady Vado, an A.F.S. student from Costa Rica. Wady, 18, has been playing soccer since 4th grade, and as Coach Blodgett stated, "He adds a balanced attack on the team." Blodgett has coached the team well, from his new and different techniques to his Fartlick training methods.

When asked about next year's season, Blodgett replied, "I am very optimistic, if we use the skills we have developed, and continue to work hard, the team should finish in great shape. The soccer banquet will be held at the Junior High School on Thursday, November 30th.

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## Feeding Hills Woman Attends Workshop

Helen E. Dunn of 272 Pheland Ave., Springfield, area supervisor for Weight Watchers Inc. in Western Mass., will visit Weight Watchers International Headquarters at Manhasset, N.Y. from November 12 through 16. There she will participate in workshops designed to improve present techniques for the training of new Weight Watchers lecturers.

Dorothy Ann Circosta of 456 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, a visiting Weight Watchers lecturer, will also attend the workshops.

## Marie Jay Elected President of GS Board of Realtors

The 750-member Greater Springfield Board of Realtors has elected Marie B. Jay of 6 Cross Street, Westfield, as its 1979 president. She will succeed Toffie A. George.

Mrs. Jay has been very active in the Greater Springfield Board of Realtors and is currently secretary of the local realtor organization. She was 1977 Realtor of the Year, chairman of Pre-licensing School program, which prepares students to sit for the broker's and salesman's exams. Past chairman of Education Committee, she is also a past member of the Multiple Listing Committee for 2 years. She is a graduate of the Realtor Institute earning the designation of GRI. She is also a director of the Massachusetts Association of Realtors.

Mrs. Jay is vice-president

of the real estate firm of Century 21 Associated Realtors located at 167 Elm Street, Agawam. Her husband Andrew recently retired from Sears, Roebuck Inc., and they have two sons, Andrew, Jr. and Thomas, and a daughter, Diane Gagnon.

Other officers elected include Chester J. Nicora, Jr., vice-president; Paul J. Sears, treasurer; and Peter M. Meltzer, secretary.

Directors for 1979 will be Vera Burger, Harold Catlin, Jr., Toffie George, Thomas Kane, Jr., Rita McInnis, S. William White, and George R. Yerrall III.

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Induction ceremonies for the newly-elected officers and directors will take place in January at a realtors dinner meeting.

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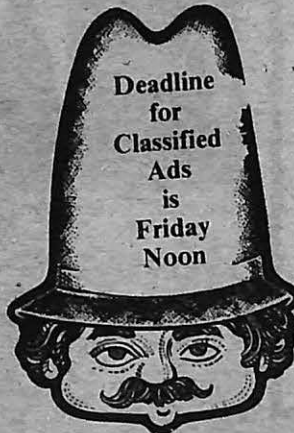
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